



ALUMNI

BULLETIN



Hyman R. Kamens, O.D.,

On July 1st, 1965, the board of trustees of the Massachusetts College of Optometry elected dean of the college, Dr. Hyman R. Kamens.

Dr. Kamens has been director of the Massachusetts Optometric Clinic for the past 15 years. He is a graduate of Massachusetts College of Optometry having earned both his B.S. in Optometry and O.D. degrees there. He is also a graduate of the University of Indiana where he was granted a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Dr. Kamens is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists; a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, and a member of the American Optometric Foundation.

A resident of Chelsea, Dr. Kamens has been married to the former Barbara Plotkin for 19 years. They have two daughters, Jacqueline, 13, and Marcia, 9. His hobbies include bowling, an occasional epicurean foray, and frequent indulgences of his daughters. Also, he is no doubt prominent in the family professional association which is comprised of a sister who is an osteopathic physician, and two brothers who are respectively a medical doctor and an attorney.

Dr. Kamens assumes the responsibilities of dean while the college and optometry are still beset by a host of problems both internal and external. None of these are likely to be insurmountable, however, if we use our strength wisely and well, which is to say collectively.

To that end, we, the alumni, pledge our wholehearted support and cooperation with the hopeful expectation that Dr. Kamens will match and perhaps even exceed the many achievements of his illustrious predecessor for the good of our college and our profession.

MCO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

AT

Massachusetts College of Optometry
178 Newbury Street, Boston
7:30 P.M., Wednesday, November 17
Hospitality Hour at 6:30 P.M.
Speaker: Dr. Hyman Kamens, Dean

Come and hear Dean Kamens tell of his plans for the College and the Clinic, following which the alumni present will be taken to the College Clinic for a tour of the new facilities. Meet with your fellow alumni for a social hour and refreshments.

COLLEGE CURRENT

DR. FRANK KOZOL

Miss Joan Hauser a second year student and Mr. William Greenberg, a third year student, were married on June 18, 1965 in Detroit, Michigan. Congratulations and the very best of good luck to the happy couple.

A reception for new students was held on Monday, September 20, 1965 the opening day of classes at the College. Many faculty and new students were in attendance and enjoyed the delicious refreshments served by two charming hostesses, Mrs. Robert J. McNulty, and Mrs. Frank Kozol. Dean Kamens addressed the group briefly, explaining that this would be a good opportunity for the students to meet with their faculty members, and cover any questions they might have concerning the courses given.

Dr. Joan Exford, a graduate of the Indiana University-School of Optometry, and a recipient of the O. D. degree from Pacific University, was recently appointed as an Instructor in Clinical Optometry.

Mr. Chanel Dufour, formerly Manager of the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company Branch in Schenectady, New York, was recently appointed as Instructor in Mechanical Optics Laboratory work.

The following scholarships have been awarded to the recipients mentioned here: Maurice H. Saval Scholarship; Paul Heyman, and Robert M. Gold. The Massachusetts College of Optometry Alumni Association Scholarship; Wayne Goldberg, and John Archibald. The New England Optical Wholesaler's Association Scholarship; Jay Rosen and Thomas Clark. The Massachusetts Society of Optometrists Scholarship; Charles Idelson and Paul Adrien. The Macy Battalin Scholarship; Matthew Elgart. The New Hampshire Optometric Association Scholarship, William W. Smith. Dr. Robert J. McNulty, chairman of the Committee on Scholarships and Awards, has announced that several new scholarships may be in the offing.

The Third Year Class has just completed their elections and have elected the following slate of officers: President, Mr. Wesley Nichols from Rockland, Maine; Vice President, Mr. Arnold Vogel from Newton, Mass.; Secretary, Mr. Ronald Millman from Dover, New Jersey; and Treasurer, Mr. Ben Polizzi from New York, N. Y.

Pi Omicron Sigma Fraternity held its annual smoker on Tuesday, October 19, 1965 in Boston. A large number of the faculty and students were in attendance. Chancellor Carl Gruning commented that the fraternity anticipates a record year in membership and fraternity activities.

The Omega Epsilon Phi held its annual smoker October 26, 1965 in Boston. Pres. John Archibald greeted members and guests in attendance including Dr. A. Freedman, president of the International Optometric Fraternity.

Both fraternities plan to publish a calendar of their projective year's activities in the next issue of the alumni bulletin.

CLASS AGENTS

DR. A. LAMONT

Your Class Agents Committee has been hard at work analysing the many questionnaires that have been received and the information contained is being processed for future publication in this column.

The consensus of opinion indicates the best source of Alumni News is the Alumni Bulletin. Therefore, it is imperative that we have correct names and addresses of all Alumni. Is your name and address correct? If not, please complete below.

Lost Class Mates -- Do you know the whereabouts of the following:

Class 1941	Dr. Louis J. Beckwith Dr. Louis J. Snyder Dr. Nathan Aronson Dr. Julius Glider
Class 1942	Dr. David Essex Dr. Harold Caldrone Dr. Herbert Iventash
Class 1943	Dr. Martin Zalkin
Class 1954	Dr. Raymond E. Alie Dr. Sidney Green Dr. Joseph Eiduks Dr. Gordon McMurdo

Class Agents are expected to return class notes for publication in the next issue. Your Class Agents Committee urgently requests your return of the Alumni questionnaires. Those still unreturned may be forwarded to Class Agents Committee,

c/o Dr. Al Lamont
807 Washington Street
Newtonville, Mass.

A LETTER FROM YOUR TREASURER

DR. ROBERT SHULMAN

As new treasurer of your Alumni Association, I would like to make clear a few facts which may have been puzzling many of you.

The Alumni Association's fiscal year begins in March.

Dues are payable in March at the Alumni Luncheon.

For the benefit of those who cannot attend the Alumni Luncheon, bills will be sent in April. We are still waiting to receive dues and Scholarship Fund contributions from some of you for this year.

Regular Membership	\$ 5.00
Contributing Membership	\$10.00
Supporting Membership	\$15.00

Income is allocated into three main categories:

- General - Collected largely by dues
- Scholarship Fund - Collected by donation directly to the fund.
- Special Projects - This represents money donated by classes and/or individuals and may be earmarked for specific projects such as the new student lounge at the college.

1965 GRADUATES BEGIN PRACTICE

DR. GLEN A. GULEZIAN

Practice locations have been chosen by over one-half of the graduating class of 1965 according to a recent survey.

Of the graduating class of 23, a total of seven men are going into association; three are entering the service; two are opening new offices and one has purchased a practice.

The 1965 class is unique in that 4 of the members are associating with their fathers while one is joining his father who is an optician.

These "father-son" combinations include the following members of the class: Drs. Arthur Copeland, Port Chester, N.Y.; Glen Gulezian, Haverhill, Mass.; Robert Miller, Providence, R.I.; Paul Montminy, Lowell, Mass.; and Peter Myers, Albany, N.Y. Dr. Calvin Perry is associating with Dr. William Emmons in Andover, Mass.

Entering the service are Drs. Phillip Sidran and James Hannah, Air Force and Dr. Ronald Hall, Army.

New practices are being started by Dr. Arthur Tieri in Worcester and Dr. Philip Linsky in Swampscott.

Dr. Tere Porter purchased an existing practice in Norway, Maine.

For the first time in 8 years, the entire Senior class was graduated in ceremonies at N. E. Life Hall, June 4th.

Four members of the class graduated Cum Laude. These were Drs. Arthur Copeland, Glen Gulezian, Calvin Perry and John Toscora.

The Valedictory address was given by Dr. Calvin Perry, President of the Class.

Standing before the last graduating class as Dean, Dr. Ralph Green urged the class to "turn darkness to light and become dedicated to their profession".



Faculty attendance at Graduation is always excellent. Shown above preparing for the ceremonies are, from left, Dr. Carroll Martus, Dr. Frank Kozol, registrar; Dr. Hymen Kamens, Dean; and Dr. Louis Bardfield.



An honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters was presented to the Honorable Elliot L. Richardson, Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, center. With him are Dr. G. Edward Bradley, president, left, and Dr. Ralph H. Green, former dean.

Awards were presented by Dr. Robert J. McNulty, chairman of the Committee on scholarships and awards, and Dr. Donald Horley, President of the Alumni Association.

These were presented to:

Dr. Arthur Copeland: Beta Sigma Kappa Award (personal award of the Dean).

Dr. Glen A. Gulezian: Alumni Association Award; Optometric Forum Award.

Dr. Alan L. Lewis: Joseph S. Scanlon Award (Clinic Proficiency).

Dr. Calvin G. Perry: Lester S. Epstein Award (Theoretical Optometry), Valedictory Award, Student Council Award.

The graduates were addressed by the Honorable Elliott L. Richardson, Lt. Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Following graduation, five members of the class joined the eight other married class members. Those who marched to wedding bells included Drs. Joseph Bickford, Arthur Copeland, Ronald Hall, Tere Porter and Arthur Tieri.

Virtually the entire class took and successfully passed the National Boards with six members taking the National Board Practical.

State Boards from Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York and Florida were successfully passed by various members of the class.

All but one returned to take the O.D. course in the summer with many just beginning to finish this program.

Many memories linger with the Class of 1965, but the long awaited opportunity to practice optometry is foremost in the thoughts of each class member.



THEORETICAL OPTOMETRY

Robert J. McNulty, O.D.

Theoretical Optometry, as presently taught at the Massachusetts College of Optometry is no longer a dust-dry dissertation on all of the refractive errors and the means of detecting and compensating for them. The lectures are as up-to-date as the latest Journal of the A. O. A. and the clinical equipment as current as the latest manufacturers catalogue. Before going on to a discussion on specifics in the course, it might be well to document these two statements.

Lecture: Phosphene, the sensation of light from some inadequate stimulus to the optic nerve, has been discussed in Theoretical Optometry from the standpoints of pressure (rub your eyes) and X-rays (Stenstrom's work on the measurement of axial length). Present lectures now include the appearance of these light sensations at acceleration levels of 3.6G. Optometry in the space age!

Clinic: Application of current Optometric theory demands the availability of such recent instrumentation as multiple target screeners, biomicroscopes, pneumatic electronic tonometers, euthyscopes as well as the basics such as refractors, tangent screens etc. These are now in adequate supply (for example, twelve complete modern refracting units).

An outline, briefly, of Theoretical Optometry with attention to areas which may be new since you were a student would include the following:

Measurement of vision — now including the "isolated letter" technique for evaluation of amblyopia and "Allen charts" for more rapid and reliable results in testing the very young.

Subjective Fog Test — with reference to complete "chrome refraction" and the various stereoscopic techniques for determining the correct prescription for one eye under binocular conditions.

Skiametry — spot retinoscopy now being taught as the classical "against motion" procedure and the more modern streak, "with motion" being emphasized.

The Refractive Errors — etiology and management somewhat as previously but with such additions as definitive discussion of just which myope will respond to a bifocal correction in an attempt to degrade the progression of Myopia.

Ocular Myology — specific attention to the availability and techniques for objective tests and measurements to avoid reliance on the sometimes whimsical fluctuations in patient response.

Amplitude of Accommodation — how valid are amplitude findings determined without Scheiner techniques — clinically, scientifically?

Single Binocular Vision — how to recognize and deal with, from the standpoint of refraction, the problems posed by suppression, anisometropia, aniseikonia, aphakia (can you properly handle a refraction which must be done by trial frame and, if you used bi-convex rather than corrected trial lenses, do you know what the D_v power is?)

Required reading in Theoretical Optometry now includes most of eight texts with frequent assignments in current Optometric literature. The parochial viewpoint which might be obtained from one instructor or even one school of thought within Optometry tends to disappear with this approach.

To change from the lecture hall to the clinic, demonstration and practice in the course take the following form: 1. Each new technique is evaluated theoretically and illustrated, with proper instrumentation, in class. 2. Each is exhaustively demonstrated in small groups to the students by one of the clinical staff. 3. Each student must individually demonstrate proficiency in each procedure to the satisfaction of one of the clinical staff. This instructional triad allows for an efficient transition from the theory of Optometry to the application first at the College Out-patient clinic and ultimately to the private office.

The Theoretical Optometry department at M. C. O. consists of Dean Hyman Kamens, O. D., M. C. O., Joseph Svagdys, O. D., M. C. O., Joan Exford, O. D., Pacific, and the author. The backgrounds of these people include all the aspects of Optometric practice from teaching clinic to hospital, from Ophthalmological to private Optometric practice.

The course presently, exclusive of clinic sessions is divided into three sections. Three hours in the Sophomore year and four in both the Junior and Senior years. Optometric practice is a two hour class during the Sophomore year, two, two hour classes during the Junior year, and the same during the Senior year. This last section gradually blends into the Clinic's Out-patient department.



NEW TRUSTEE

DR. ADELBERT O. PARROTT

A fellow alumnus is the newest member of the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts College of Optometry, Dr. Adelbert O. Parrott, of 9 North Plymouth Avenue, Fall River, Mass.

He is a member of the 1934 graduating class. Dr. Parrott is a graduate of Lynn Classical High School, and furthered his education at Burdett College, and at Brown University.

Dr. Parrott and his wife, Dorothy, have two married daughters now, and one granddaughter.

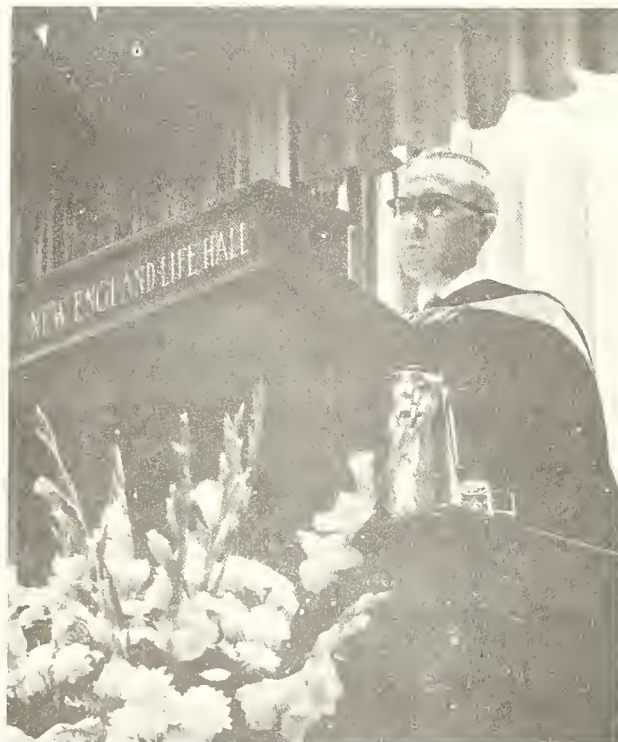
Dr. Parrott is a past-president of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists; has been treasurer of the American Optometric Foundation for many years; is a fellow American Academy of Optometry member; holds an honorary degree, D.O.S., from the Massachusetts College of Optometry; and is an honorary member of Pi American Sigma Fraternity.

For the last 37 years, Dr. Parrott has served optometry in Fall River, Massachusetts. Within the last five years he has built a beautiful new Professional Building, which he shares with other health care professional men.

Besides serving optometry so well, Dr. Parrott has also served the civic needs of Fall River. He is a past-president of the Rotary Club, served on the Executive Committee of the Fall River area Boy Scouts, as well as the Fall River Y.M.C.A.

The Alumni sincerely feel Dr. Parrott's appointment to the Board of Trustees is a very worthy one.

DR. DONALD W. HORLEY Addressing Graduating Class



THE STUDENT LOUNGE

DR. ARNELDA B. LEVINE

The new student lounge is nearing completion. Last spring the alumni association supplied support and funds to decorate a large bare basement room for the exclusive use and recreation of our student body. It was a long and arduous task.

Fortunately the services of an understanding and talented decorator, Herbert H. Coe, were obtained and we proceeded to do the most with a limited budget. Needless to say, the budget was exceeded but the committee was determined to do the job well.

The first problem was a ceiling that required three coats of paint and many pipes that demanded special attention. The floor needed deep sanding and several finishing layers. I never realized how difficult it was to purchase "Cadillac" furniture at "Ford" prices. The inexpensive looked chic, but when a 175 lb. male tried it for size, it creaked like it had termites. After shopping for quality furniture with discounts of 60, 40, 20, and 2, we selected a vinyl covered sofa, vinyl covered chairs, fabric swivel chairs, corner and cocktail tables, a round walnut game table, and floor and table lamps.

Three quarters of the wall space is being covered in fiber-glass, fire-proof drapes. These had to be custom made to accommodate the high ceiling and give an effect of a uniform background.

Perhaps one of the most difficult tasks has been lining up workmen. To give you a vague idea of the telephone time used over the summer, A.T. & T. Co. has written a note of thanks for the tremendous increase in our monthly bill.

In all seriousness, the student lounge should look like a water hole in the Sahara!

We welcome as Associate Editors to the Alumni Bulletin Dr. Victor Gallo and Dr. Glen Gulezian. Both of these men have had experience in writing and editing and are valuable additions to our little staff.

As you probably already realize, our old friend Dr. Frank Kozol has been appointed Registrar at the College. He replaces "Barney" Duane who is no longer associated with MCO. Frank's background as having been active at the College over these many years, as well as his training as an optometrist, should make a "natural" man for this important administrative position.

The College library needs a few copies of the book "Physiological Optics" by Zoethout. Any alumnus having an extra copy of this book, or a copy of the book that he is not using is asked to send it along to the College where it is very much in demand.

Every alumnus is urged to send his dues to the Alumni Association every year. With the recently expanded activities of the Alumni Association we can use all the monies that we can get. The Officers and Directors of your Alumni Association would like very much to be hosts to each of the alumni next March at another Homecoming. Anyone attending our Homecoming a couple of years ago remembers what a fine time we all had--but we cannot conduct this affair unless our treasury becomes a great deal "fatter" than it is at the present time. Please sit down now and send your check to the Treasurer, "Bob" Shulman, at the College.

The Officers, Directors, and Advisors of the Alumni Association had a meeting recently at which time many points of old and new business were discussed. Second Vice-President, "Al" Lamont, and John Callinan, who are working together on the Class Agents Committee, reported that quite a few Alumni questionnaires have been returned and urge all fellows who have not returned his copy to do so immediately. The information obtained from analyzing this questionnaire is important for our plans.

It was decided to hold the Fall meeting of the Alumni Association at the College. Dr. "Hy" Kamens will be the speaker and will explain, in detail, his plans for the College and the Clinic over the years

ahead. Dr. Kamens has a great deal of enlightening material to present and I am positive you will find this a most interesting evening. We will all be transported over to the Clinic which will be open for inspection--it has recently been repainted and a great deal of the old equipment has been replaced with new equipment. The Alumni Association and the administration at the College urge you to attend this meeting and see the fine clinical facilities that are now available.

The College building itself had extensive painting and redecorating done during the Summer months and looks a great deal brighter and fresher.

It was voted at a recent meeting of the Officers and Directors of the Alumni Association to increase its scholarship grants two of which are given each year to worthy senior students. More will be printed in the "Bulletin" relative to scholarships in the near future. However, a contribution to our Scholarship Fund can be a deductible item and do a great deal of service for a worthy student. Send your checks in care of the Alumni Association to the College.

At the next meeting to be held in November the report of the Nominating Committee for officers to be elected at the Winter meeting of the Alumni Association will be given.

To facilitate the mailing of the "Bulletin" the post office department has asked us to include Zip Codes in our addressing. We ask your cooperation by returning a postcard bearing your most recent address including your Zip Code. Send directly to MCO in care of the Alumni Association.

The second annual Alumni luncheon, held at the National Convention in New Orleans, was a great success. This has become an annual affair and gives fellows attending the National Convention who are alumni of the College an opportunity to sit down together--those of us who attend this function each year find the sociability certainly worthwhile.

Please assist us in editing our files - if the name or address used sending this edition of the "Bulletin" is not correct please let us know immediately; we'll correct our addressograph plates and add your zip code.



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